

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF  
PITTERNA ET AL.

Art Unit: Unassigned  
Examiner: Unassigned

APPLICATION NO: TBD

FILED: JANUARY 14, 2002

FOR: **PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THIAZOLE DERIVATIVES**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

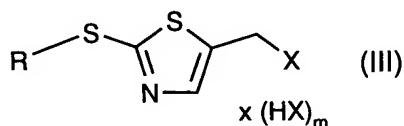
Sir:

Please make the following preliminary amendment to the application being filed as a  
divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/628,392:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-9 and substitute therefor the following new claim 10:

-- Claim 10. (New) A process of forming a compound of the formula



or, an E/Z-isomer or a tautomer thereof, wherein

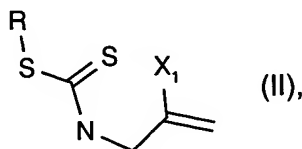
R is as defined for formula (II);

m is 0 or 1; and

X is halogen; or

comprising:

a) reacting a compound of the formula



and, an E/Z-isomers or tautomers or a salt thereof, wherein

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